



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Special Education Directors

From: Joanne Phillips, Associate Deputy Superintendent
Steve Mishlove, Director of Special Projects

Subject: Assistive Technology

Enclosed is the Assistive Technology Consideration Quick Wheel (AT Quick Wheel) which was developed by The Technology and Media (TAM) Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative.

This fun, hand-on resource offers quick and easy access to a generic list of AT tools for a variety of tasks. On one side of the "AT Quick Wheel" are federal definitions of AT devices and services. The other side provides information about a variety of resources including books, journals, newsletters and Internet sites. All resources listed on the wheel are useful for learning more about AT. Both sides include a generic list of the AT tools to consider in a number of topical areas, including mechanics of writing, computer access, math, and reading.

We would like to see the "AT Quick Wheel" disseminated throughout your district to teachers, members of the IEP team or assistive technology specialists. Please consider the "AT Quick Wheel" a resource tool to be used only as a guide for assistive technology ideas. It is important to consult with qualified staff members or other professionals prior to making decisions or implementing assistive technology in the classrooms.

To assist with the assessment or implementation of assistive technology in the classrooms, The Assistive Technology Training Project at Southwest Human Development offers FREE assistive technology training and technical assistance to Arizona schools working with special needs students. The project's goal is to help school personnel gain the knowledge and skills needed to deliver assistive technology services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Resources are located at the following centers in Arizona.

Southwest Human Development

ATTN: Cindy Spitler
2002 E. Earll, #140
Phoenix, AZ 85012
(602) 266-5976

ASSIST!

ATTN: Ann O'Connor
PO Box 4133
Tuba City, AZ 86045
(928) 283-6231

Technology Access Center of Tucson

ATTN: Paula Feeny
4710 E. 29th Street, PO Box 13178
Tucson, AZ 85732-3178
(520) 519-1776

IHD Assistive Technology Center

ATTN: Janis Nicol, CCC-SLP
I.H.D. Northern Arizona University
Building 27, Room 171, PO Box 5630
Flagstaff, AZ 86011
(928) 523-5878

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